

M I N U T E S  
July 26, 2006  
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mark Sidran, Chairman  
Philip Jones, Commissioner  
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on July 26, 2006, by Chairman Sidran. Glenn Blackmon, Director, Regulatory Services, noted that there were no changes to the Agenda.

E)1. 1-000 Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the consent agenda and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES

A)1. 1-028 Docket Number A)1. Docket Number UE-060665  
Avista Corporation dba: Avista Utilities Petition for an accounting order to defer the cost of loans made to the regional transmission organization, Grid West, and to defer consideration of amortization and cost recovery in a future general rate case. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: James Russell and Glenn Blackmon, staff; Bruce Folsom, Avista Corporation; James Van Nostrand, Attorney, PacifiCorp; Irion Sanger, Attorney, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities; Sally Johnston, Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order allowing the Company to transfer Washington's share of a loan to Grid West from Account 128 – Other Special Funds, to Account 186 – Miscellaneous Deferred Debits, and to begin amortization of this balance over five years, beginning July 1, 2006, without interest. In addition, require the Company to make a showing in its next rate case why amortization of this deferred debit should be included in the calculation of Washington customer's rates. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)2. 1-028 Docket Number UE-060703 Pacific Power & Light Company Petition for an accounting order to defer the cost of loans made to the regional transmission organization, Grid West, and to defer consideration of amortization and cost recovery in a future general rate case. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: James Russell and Glenn Blackmon, staff; Bruce Folsom, Avista Corporation; James Van Nostrand, Attorney, PacifiCorp; Irion Sanger, Attorney, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities; Sally Johnston, Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to issue an order allowing the Company to transfer Washington's share of a loan to Grid West from account 124 – Other Investments, to Account 186 – Miscellaneous Deferred Debits, and to begin amortization of this balance over five years, beginning July 1, 2006, without interest. In addition, order the Company to make a showing in its next rate case why the expense associated with the amortization of this loan balance should be included in the calculation of Washington customer's rates. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)3. 2-097 Docket Number UT-060762 Westgate Communications, LLC dba: WeavTel Petition for waiver of the notice and filing dates as set forth in Paragraph 8 of the Washington Carrier Access Plan as approved in Docket UT-971140; and to establish a revenue objective of \$738,443. Petition

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Richard L. Weaver, Westgate Communications, LLC, dba: WeavTel (via conference bridge)

Disposition: Commissioner Jones, regarding Company's request for a revenue objective, moved to set the petition for hearing. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)4. 2-129 Docket Number UT-060920 Westgate Communications, LLC dba: WeavTel Initial Local Exchange Tariff WN U-2. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Richard L. Weaver, Westgate Communications, LLC, dba: WeavTel (via conference bridge); Dennis Moss, Administrative Law Judge

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved that the Commission set the matter for hearing, allow the rates to go into effect as they have been filed, subject to refund. Chairman Sidran seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0). Commissioner Jones abstained.

A)5. 2-434 Docket NumberUT-060921 Westgate Communications, LLC dba: WeavTel Initial 9-1-1 Tariff WN U-3. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Richard L. Weaver, Westgate Communications, LLC, dba: WeavTel (via conference bridge); Carsten Koldsbaek , GVNW Consulting, Inc. (via conference bridge)

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved that the Commission set the matter for hearing, allow the rates to go into effect as they have been filed, subject to refund, and that the Dockets UT-060920, UT-060921, and UT-060762 be consolidated. Chairman Sidran seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0). Commissioner Jones abstained.

A)6. 3-063 Docket NumberUT-063052 Request by certain incumbent local exchange carriers for an extension of time to file reports and certifications as required by WAC 480-123-060, 070, and 080. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Richard Finnigan, Attorney, Washington Independent Telephone Association

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to grant the request for an extension of time to file reports and certifications required by WAC 480-123-060, 070, and 080 from July 31, 2006, to August 4, 2006, for CenturyTel and TDS affiliated companies and to August 11, 2006, for all other reporting eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs). Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Carole J. Washburn, Secretary